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THE GRAND CANYON MUSIC FESTIVAL

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PRESENTS

The 28th Season

AND

THE ELEVENTH SEASON OF ITS
NATIVE AMERICAN COMPOSER APPRENTICE PROJECT
(NACAP)

WHAT: For three weeks in August and September, 2011, NACAP Composers-in-Residence Raven Chacon, Trevor Reed, and Michael Begay will tutor talented high school students from five Navajo and Hopi Reservation high schools in the art of composition, resulting in new works for string quartet. Students will attend workshops, rehearsals, performances and recordings of their works with NACAP's 2011 ensembles-in-residence ETHEL and the Catalyst Quartet. From August 29 through September 2, 2011, ETHEL and the Catalyst Quartet tour the students' works to 9 Native American reservation schools, culminating in the world premieres during an all-day NACAP Fair at Grand Canyon Music Festival on Sunday September 4th

WHO: COMPOSERS-IN-RESIDENCE Raven Chacon (Navajo Nation,), Trevor Reed (Hopi), and Michael Begay (Navajo) ENSEMBLE-IN-RESIDENCE ETHEL. CORNELIUS DUFALLO, *violin*, RALPH FARRIS, *viola*, DOROTHY LAWSON, *cello*, MARY ROWELL, *violin*, Catalyst Quartet: BRYAN HERNANDEZ-LUCH and KARLA DONEHEW-PEREZ, *violin*, CHRISTOPHER JENKINS, *viola*, and KARLOS RODRIQUEZ, *cello*. Students from 5 Navajo and Hopi Reservation high schools.

WHEN:

Reservation tour, August 29-September 2, 2010.

World premiere performances of student works, Sunday September 4 at 5 p.m.

WHERE: Reservation tour: Tuba City High School, Tuba City Boarding School, Tuba City, AZ; Red Mesa High School, Red Mesa, AZ, Monument Valley High School,

Kayenta Boarding School, Kayenta, AZ, Chinle High School, Chinle, AZ; Hopi High School, Keams Canyon, AZ; First Mesa Elementary School, First Mesa, AZ., Whitehorse High School, San Juan, Utah World premiere performances of student works Grand Canyon Community Building, Grand Canyon National Park

TICKETS: Admission to NACAP events is free.

General admission tickets to other GCMF season events are \$15 for adults and \$8 for children (age 6 and up)/Students. Season tickets to all 7 concerts, \$90. For more information call 800-997-8285 or 928-638-9215. For complete schedule information and tickets visit www.grandcanyonmusicfest.org.

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www.grandcanyonmusicfest.org

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